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Amendments to Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A process for forming multiple component meltblown fibers comprising extruding a first melt-processable polymer through first extrusion orifices, simultaneously extruding a second melt-processable polymer through second extrusion orifices, fusing said first and second melt-processable polymers into extruded composite filaments after extrusion, pneumatically attenuating and breaking said extruded composite filaments with at least one jet of high velocity gas so as to form said multiple component meltblown fibers, and collecting said fibers.

2. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the composite filaments are attenuated with a plurality of high velocity gas jets.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein said first and second melt-processable polymers have different viscosities as a function of temperature.

5. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein said first and second melt-processable polymers have different melting and/or softening points.

6. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein said first and second melt-processable polymers are chemically different polymers.

7. (Original) The process according to claim 6, wherein said first melt-processable polymer is a polyester and the second melt-processable polymer is polyethylene.

8. (Original) The process according to claim 7 wherein said polyester is poly(ethylene terephthalate).

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Cancelled).

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11. (Cancelled).

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Cancelled).